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Thoughts on Memorandum

Narcotics

There are at least two apparent problem areas -- production and collection.

Production

I have the following thoughts regarding production. ONNI would probably be a good outlet for the publication under their seal of CIA produced finished intelligence on narcotics.

Given its charter, ONNI obviously has the right to ask the intelligence community to produce analyses on narcotics issues.

At this point in time, ONNI certainly does not have the capability to produce finished intelligence, and as long as there is a need for such, it should be done by this Agency. After the ONNI organization has been built up and has developed some experience, we might then re-evaluate the question as to whether or not we could get out of the production business.

Collection

The language in the text needs to be revised to make it crystal clear that ONNI cannot assume any managerial role in the

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foreign intelligence collection business. It has every right to monitor collection programs from the point of view of advising the intelligence community on the extent to which it meets intelligence needs but in doing this, it should act through the established collection machinery that already exists in the intelligence community.

Dissemination of Intelligence

The references in the text to the dissemination of either intelligence data or finished intelligence need to be amended so that it is clear that such dissemination is done with due regard for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

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